

PRESS OPERATOR I

NATURE OF WORK

This is semi-skilled to skilled work in the operation of offset printing presses and related equipment.

Work involves the supervised operation of small to medium offset printing presses in the reproduction of a wide variety of printed materials. Work also includes operating duplicating machines, collators and related equipment. Work is performed under close supervision and is reviewed by the technical supervisor for quality, efficiency of operations and economy of materials.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK

Operates offset presses on a training basis as well as a variety of duplicating and related equipment in reproducing a wide variety of printed materials.

Makes masters from camera and plate maker; treats plates with chemicals; adjusts ink fountains; adjusts press to placement of impression and to size and thickness of paper; adjusts moisture roller; mixes inks for proper shades and tones.

Services, cleans, oils and makes minor repairs and adjustments to presses and related duplicating equipment.

Performs related work as required.

REQUIREMENTS OF WORK

Some experience in the operation and maintenance of offset presses and other duplicating equipment; graduation from high school preferably supplemented by courses in printing; or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the following knowledge, abilities and skills:

Some knowledge of the operation and basic maintenance requirements of offset presses and related duplicating equipment.

Some knowledge of the uses of the paper types, inks and other supplies used in offset printing and duplicating.

Some knowledge of the uses to which offset presses and related equipment can be put and of the various types of plates and processes.

Ability to follow detailed written and oral instructions.

Ability to produce high quality work.

Skill in the operation and care of duplicating and allied equipment.

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